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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action for filing in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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This Reply is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 6, 2007 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: